

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 27, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Sconset, July 27th. 1876.

My dear Alec:

Yesterday was a red letter day in my calendar, for two letters came from you. One from Buffalo, the other dated Suspension Bridge. Poor Alec I am very sorry for you in your disappointment at finding your work of years anticipated. I have only a very dim idea of how you must feel about it, but that is something dreadful. It is not so bad as it might have been is it? It seems very strange the idea should have been allowed to lie unnoticed for so long, for you would have heard of it if was such known. The glory of originating a new idea is a great thing, but surely that of having carried it out further than the originator thought is not to be despised. And then you did originate it, it is only a coincidence that someone else thought of it too, and brought it out before you were born. I hope this disappointment will not take away your mind from the telegraph but will the rather make you more determined to succeed so no one may take that away from you. My darling, your two letters gave me so much pleasure and made me more ashamed than ever of my own letters they are such poor exchange. And I was very sorry to have sent yesterday's letter it sounded so hard and unkind and you have never said a single unkind thing to me.

Please excuse this paper, I have written so many notes to you, that I have no more nice paper left.

I did not have any adventures yesterday, after all I think you have the monopoly of them. It was very fortunate our present was not lost. If any of the things are broken I think they can be replaced.

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Bathing was pleasant, the waves very low. Carrie's friend Miss Ellis is very pleasant. Gardiner's left face is swollen and his eye part out. He does not suffer much fortunately.

With very much love, Ever your own, Mabel. I wrote you a long letter today, but it had forty-seve n l's in it exclusive of my and me's so I concluded not to send it!